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The Kerala Panchayat Raj (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024 together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons and the Financial Memorandum is published under Rule 69 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Shaji C. Baby,
Secretary-in-Charge.



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THE KERALA PANCHAYAT RAJ
(SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

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further to amend the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

Preamble.- WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy fifth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.-* (1) This Act may be called the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Second Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 6.-* In the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) in sub-section (3) of section 6,-

(i) in clause (a), for the words “less than thirteen or more than twenty three, the words “less than fourteen or more than twenty four” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the words “less than thirteen or more than twenty three, the words “less than fourteen or more than twenty four” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (c), for the words “less than sixteen or more than thirty two”, the words “less than seventeen or more than thirty three” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 6 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 provides the strength of Panchayats. Sub-section (2) of the said section, provides that the Government may, after publication of the relevant figures of each census, alter the total number of seats in Panchayats subject to the scale specified in sub-section (3). As per the existing provision of sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Act, the number of seats in the case of a Village Panchayat shall not be less than thirteen or more than twenty three, in the case of a Block Panchayat it shall not be less than thirteen or more than twenty three, and in the case of a District Panchayat, the same shall not be less than sixteen or more than thirty two. The proviso to sub-section (3) provides that the ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Panchayat at any level and the number of seats in such Panchayat to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State.



In the circumstance of increase in the population of Kerala as per the census of 2011, the ratio between the population and number of seats in Panchayat have been increased considerably. The Government have decided to increase the minimum and maximum number of seats in Panchayats by one each in order to decrease the ratio between the population and the seats in the Panchayat for the purpose of providing better administration to the general public and to make suitable amendments in sub-section (3) of section 6 accordingly.

The Bill is intended to achieve the above said object.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

M.B.RAJESH

